

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of January 28, 2008. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in this application. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 7 are amended by the deletion of specified embodiments. Claims 8, 10, and 12 are cancelled, without prejudice. No new subject matter is introduced into the application by this Amendment. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 3-7 remain pending in the application.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharets. Office Action, page 2. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hardy. Office Action, page 3. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardy. Office Action, page 4. None of these rejections applies to claim 7 in its current form. Sharets and Hardy disclose compounds wherein two benzene rings are concurrently combined with a hydroxyl group or are concurrently combined with a vinyloxy group when W is a carbonyl group. However, neither Sharets nor Hardy discloses or suggests compounds wherein at least one of the two benzene rings is combined with two groups represented by Applicants' Formula (3). The compounds disclosed in Sharets and Hardy are deleted from the scope of claim 7 herein by limitation of the portion of claim 7 which recites that, when q is 1 and p is 1, any one of R and R' is a group represented by Formula (3) and the other of R and R' is a hydrogen atom. That is, the relevant portion of claim 7 recites that the two benzene rings shown in Formula (1a) are not concurrently combined with a hydroxyl group and are not concurrently combined with a vinyloxy group when W is a carbonyl group. Further, claim 7 recites that when p is an integer of 2 to 5, at least two Rs are groups represented by Formula (3) when W is a carbonyl group. Accordingly, claim 7 in its present form is not anticipated by or rendered obvious by either of Sharets or Hardy.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Cinque article. Office Action, page 3. The rejection does not apply to claim 1 in its present form. The Examiner contends that Cinque suggests a compound corresponding to Applicants' Formula (1) when W is a sulfur atom, r is 1, q is 0, m is 0, and p is 1. The present amendment to claim 1 deleted compounds wherein W is a sulfur atom, r is 1, q is 0, m is 0, n is 1, p is 1 to 6, and q is 0

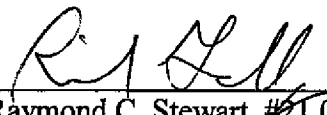
to 5. Accordingly, it is manifest that the subject matter of claim 1 in its present form is neither taught by nor suggested by the Cinque disclosure.

With this Amendment, claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in the application, of which claims 3, 5, and 6 are withdrawn species of the invention of claim 1. The Examiner is respectfully urged to *rejoin* claims 3, 5, and 6, and to treat them on their merits along with claims 1, 4, and 7.

For the reasons given above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all rejections of record, and to pass all claims currently pending in this application to Issue. If there are any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Registration No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

Respectfully submitted,

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